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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
House et al )  
Serial No.: 08/689,518 )  
Filed: August 9, 1996 )  
For: **METHOD OF SEALING A** )  
**MANHOLE RISER AND A CATCH** )  
**BASIN AND APPARATUS FOR SAME** )  
Group Art Unit: 1314  
Examiner: J. Davis

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 26 to read as set forth below:

26. (Twice amended) A method of sealing a manhole riser of the type having a base, a top adjusting ring and a bottom adjusting ring, the manhole riser having a height defined from the base of the bottom adjusting ring to the top edge of the top adjusting ring, said method comprising the steps of:

5 (a) providing a band of elastomeric material, said band having a height at least equal to the height of the manhole riser, wherein said band includes an adhesive around an inner surface thereof for bonding said elastomeric band to said top edge of the top adjusting ring of the manhole riser and forming a seal therebetween;

10 (b) placing said band over the manhole riser and positioning the bottom edge of said band proximate the base of the manhole riser and securing a top edge of said band to the top adjusting ring of said manhole riser, wherein said band includes an adhesive on an inner surface thereof for bonding said elastomeric band to the manhole riser and forming a seal therebetween.]